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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully requests a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on April 26, 2006, and, as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received and the “First Action Prediction” listed on the Patent Office website for this matter predicts an estimation of 285 months until Applicant will receive a first Office Action. A copy of the “First Action Prediction” is enclosed herewith.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the United States Patent Office re-evaluate this estimation of 285 months and update the Patent Office records accordingly. In addition, Applicant requests to be formally notified of a reasonable estimation.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 285 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and we are targeting resources to help address backlogs in art areas with high new application filings. Thank you for your inquiry.

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